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1. (Confidential - JMM) Talked to Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who said Chairman Hebert was reluctant to call on the Agency to brief the full Committee on Vietnam but apparently would yield to the Committee pressure for an early briefing. We agreed that the briefing should cover the background to the present situation, the current military operations, enemy capabilities and intentions, situation regarding friendly military forces, South Vietnamese political situation, and general long term prospects. We should be prepared for questions on allegations of "intelligence failures," etc.

Slatinshek said a record will be made and kept available for all members of Congress in accordance with current Committee rules.

I further discussed the above with Slatinshek who confirmed the briefing would be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, 4 May. I told him that we still had not decided whether the Director or someone else would give the briefing.

I also discussed with Slatinshek the request of Representative Charles Rangel for several classified Agency reports on the narcotics situation. Slatinshek agreed that we should not provide these reports but should offer to brief Rangel. He said if pushed to the wall, we could refer Rangel to the Committee.

2. (Confidential - JMM) Charles Ablard, General Counsel, USIA, called to say Tom Korologos, of the White House staff, had raised the question of whether, in view of Senator McGee's success in restoring the USIA cuts in the Senate, we might want to reconsider our strategy on the "attribution" amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, S. 3256. (which would require that any Government agency disseminating information abroad identify itself). I told Ablard I thought we should indeed take another look and we might find a way of fighting this amendment without spotlighting the Agency's interest in the matter. We agreed to confer again later today or tomorrow after looking into the matter further.

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3. (Unclassified - GLC) Sam Goldberg, Legislative Assistant to Senator Charles McC. Mathias (R., Md.), called to say they were planning on instituting some procedures in the Senator's office similar to ones which he had established in his old office here in the Agency and he wondered if he could get in touch with someone here who might be of assistance to them. I told him I would check on this and be back in touch with him.

4. (Secret - GLC) Left with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, the Director's letter of 28 April 1972 covering the latest Reserve withdrawal. I also gave Woodruff a briefing covering the reasons for the withdrawal. He could foresee no problem with this and said he would brief Chairman Ellender tomorrow.

5. (Confidential - GLC) Met briefly with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and provided him with the figure he had requested on the number of Agency personnel who would be affected by the 10 percent personnel cut proposed in the State authorization legislation now before the Senate. I also made several corrections in the amendment language we had given him necessitated by changes in the bill as it was reported by the Committee.

6. (Unclassified - GLC) Left with Charles Stephenson, in the office of Senator Harold Hughes (D., Iowa), a copy of the Indochina Atlas which he had requested.

7. (Unclassified - GLC) Left with the offices of Senators Mansfield and Scott copies of the FBIS ticker on a Peking radio announcement describing a meeting between the Senators' delegation and members of the government of the People's Republic of China along with a copy of a radio photo of the two delegations which was relayed by Peking NCNA on 21 April. Both offices indicated interest and appreciation for these items.

8. (Unclassified - GLC) In response to a call from Lucille Bushnell, State Department, about the availability of copies of the China Atlas, I suggested she discuss this with Mr. John Kerry King and gave her his number.

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9. (Confidential - JMM) At my request, Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, checked the Committee records to see whether Representative Les Aspin had ever availed himself of the opportunity to examine material we had submitted for Committee records in response to questions Aspin had raised in a letter to the Director of 7 March 1972. After checking, Slatinshek called back to say that Aspin had never followed up on the suggestion contained in my letter to him of 16 March in which we said we hoped the material we were submitting for Committee records at that time would be responsive to his questions.

10. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Representative Charles Rangel in response to his letter to the Director requesting several classified Agency studies on the drug traffic. I explained we could not provide these studies, since they were based on sensitive sources and methods and we were not prepared to set a precedent of making material of this kind available to the members of Congress. However, I said I did want to be helpful and responsive and would be glad to arrange an oral briefing by our top expert on the subject which would cover all the essential points contained in the various studies Rangel had requested. Mr. Rangel said this might be agreeable, but he would like to record the briefing. I said in this case we would have to limit it to unclassified information, or insist that the tapes and transcripts be handled on a classified basis. He said he was mainly interested in unclassified information he could use in his campaign to bring pressure to bear on foreign governments who are lax in moving against illicit drug traffic. He raised the question of aerial surveillance and was surprised when I told him this was apparently of limited value in coping with the problem. In conclusion we agreed [] would come over and brief the Congressman, providing classified information for background and unclassified information for the Congressman's future use without attribution. 25X1

11. (Internal Use Only - PLC) A letter from a constituent to Representative James A. Burke (D., Mass.) was discussed with [] Office of Security. The constituent had written a rather incoherent letter alleging the Agency was surveilling and harassing him. Security records revealed the constituent has written similar letters to CIA and other agencies in the past. No response was made to the Agency letters. 25X1

12. (Internal Use Only - PLC) FBIS items of interest were delivered to the offices of Senators Edmund Muskie (D., Maine), Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.), George McGovern (D., S. Dak.), and Frank Church (D., Idaho).

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13. (Unclassified - PLC) A letter from Mr. Maury to Senator William Saxbe (R., Ohio), responding to an inquiry from a constituent, was delivered to Miss Peggy Rakestraw, member of the staff. The constituent had forwarded an article alleging the creation of a secret intelligence organization in the United States. The article appeared in a French newspaper.

14. (Unclassified - PLC) Joann, in the office of Representative John Heinz (R., Pa.), called concerning a letter received from a constituent, Robin Dickinson of Pittsburgh. The Constituent claimed he had written a letter to the Agency requesting information on the structure of the Soviet Air Force but as yet had received no reply. Joann inquired as to whether the letter had been received and could such information be furnished. Angus Thuermer had no record of receipt of such a letter, and determined from Bruce Clarke that we would not be able to provide the information. Mr. Clarke was sure that the Air Force could provide Dickinson an unclassified paper. Joann was subsequently called and advised accordingly. She appreciated our efforts and will so inform Mr. Dickinson.

15. (Confidential - LLM) Mr. Charles W. Mattox, International Division, General Accounting Office, called and said he would like to meet with someone from the Agency on an informal basis concerning CIA compliance with section 402 of Public Law 92-226, which deals with grants of excess defense articles to foreign countries. Mattox explained that the International Division was contacting several other Federal agencies in this regard, including the Department of Defense. I told Mr. Mattox I would pass on his request. Mr. Warner, OGC, Mr. Blake, Director of Logistics, and Mr. [] FE Division, were advised.

16. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Called Linn Noah, USIA, in connection with the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee markup of the State/USIA authorization bill (S. 3526) to determine if the House bill would contain a provision similar to section 205, Restrictions on Preparation and Dissemination of Information Abroad. Mr. Noah said he would find out and let us know.

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17. (Internal Use Only - LLM) In line with his previous conversation with Mr. Maury, spoke with Mr. Charles Ablard, General Counsel, USIA, and agreed to send him our proposed floor statement and amendment on section 205, Restrictions on Preparation and Dissemination of Information Abroad, of S. 3526, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1972. Mr. Ablard is still leaning towards pursuing the amendment in conference committee rather than on the Senate floor, but said there still was ample time to consider possible Senate floor action as the provision would probably not come up for vote until sometime in the middle of next week.

18. (Secret - JGO) Called Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and told him that the Director would be pleased to meet with the Chairman and the special group on the 16th but that it is a difficult day for him to schedule and asked if the 17th might be an agreeable date for the Chairman. Mr. Preston told me that there would be no problem for the Chairman in changing from the 16th but that he would be unable to meet on the 17th. There is a Democratic Caucus scheduled for that morning. Mr. Preston will see what he can work out with the Chairman for the 18th but he is not overly optimistic for that date. He will call me when he has had a chance to discuss it with the Chairman. I confirmed with Mr. Preston his visit to Headquarters for review of the Agency budget for Friday, 5 May, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Preston will be staying for lunch. The Director's office and Messrs. Tweedy, D/DCI/IC, and Briggs, OPPB, have been advised.

19. (Secret - JGO) Received a call from Mr. George Berdes, National Security Policy and Scientific Developments Subcommittee staff of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and agreed on the title of "Current Status of Soviet Strategic Strength" for Mr. Duckett's, DDS&T, briefing which is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, 9 May.

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